



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; comment request; Patent Law Treaty

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce

Title: Patent Law Treaty

OMB Control Number: 0651-0073

Form Number(s): No form numbers.

Type of Request: Regular

Number of Respondents: 500

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Burden Hours: 500 burden hours

Cost Burden: \$748,064.50.

Needs and Uses: The Patent Law Treaties Implementation Act of 2012 (PLTIA) amends the patent laws to implement the provisions of the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) in title II. The PLT harmonizes and streamlines formal procedures pertaining to the filing and processing of patent applications.

As covered in the final rule titled, “Changes to Implement the Patent Law Treaty” (RIN 0651-AC85), the USPTO adopted the rules of practice for consistency with the PLT and title II of the PLTIA. The information in this collection relates to the petitions for restoration that may be filed in accordance with the revised rules.

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Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

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Further information can be obtained by:

- E-mail: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0073 copy request” in the subject line of the message.

- Mail: Marcie Lovett, Records Management Division Director, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to Kimberly Keravuori, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail to Kimberly_R_Keravuori @omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Kimberly Keravuori .

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